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SUBJECT: THE GAMBIA: DEMARCHE ON OPPOSING THE CUBA EMBARGO  
RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 182099

Classified By: AMBASSADOR JOSEPH STAFFORD, REASON 1.4 (B AND D)

[1](#)1. (C) Ambassador made reftel demarche on the Cuba Embargo resolution to Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary (Deputy Formin equivalent) William Joof, urging the GOTG to oppose it, or at a minimum, abstain or be absent during the vote. Joof took note of the demarche, but made no substantive comment.

[1](#)2. (C) COMMENT: The GOTG is likely to support the resolution, given its heavy dependence on Cuba for medical assistance; Cuba supplies the majority of The Gambia's physicians. END COMMENT.

STAFFORD